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COMPONENT USING AN ABSTRACTION MATRIX

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Response to Final Office Action

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed responsive to the final Office Action mailed April 27, 2005, in
connection with the above-designated application. Allowance of all claims is respectfully
requested in view of the Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith.

Submission of Terminal Disclaimer appears on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

Submission of Terminal Disclaimer

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the stated provisional non-statutory double patenting rejection of claims 1, 3-9, 12, 14-20, 23-25, 27-33 & 36-39 over claims 1-58 of commonly assigned, co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/919,753, filed August 1, 2001.

This Terminal Disclaimer, signed by the attorney of record, is submitted without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection stated.

Applicants hereby authorize payment of the 37 C.F.R. §1.20(d) Disclaimer Fee of \$130 from Applicants' Deposit Account No. 09-0463. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.